

**CITY OF SHOREVIEW
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 20, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Shoreview City Council was called to order by Mayor Martin on April 20, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Martin; Councilmembers Wickstrom and Withhart.

Councilmembers Huffman and Quigley were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Withhart to approve the April 20, 2009 agenda as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - 3 Nays - 0

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Mark Stange, Shoreview/Arden Hills Rotary Club, announced the Tenth Annual *Run and Romp* event on Saturday, April 25, 2009. All participating will gather at the pavilion behind the Community Center. The events will begin at 10:00 a.m. for runners and 11:30 a.m. for walkers. The route is asphalt and handicapped accessible.

This year, the Ramsey County Canine Foundation will be a participating partner in the event with the Rotary Club. The Ramsey County Canine Force was the national champion in 2007 and runner up in 2008. Members of the Canine Force were present and gave a demonstration for the Council.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Todd Sharkey, property owner at 4965 Hanson Road, left enough copies for each Councilmember and staff person of a certified letter sent to the City on April 8, 2009. He objected to Mayor Martin's requirement that he remains at the podium during his comments and

the Deputy Sheriff's support of the Mayor's request that he not hand serve each Councilmember and staff person. He handed the letters to Public Works Director Mark Maloney, who was seated adjacent to the podium.

Mayor Martin stated that the information Mr. Sharkey is referencing is a minor subdivision application from 2005. It has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and City Council and has been litigated. The file is closed and the case is finished.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Martin:

May 2, 2009 is Cleanup Day. This is a chance to clean your property and get rid of refuse and debris, including electronics that your refuse hauler normally does not take.

The Concert in the Commons summer music series will begin June 10, 2009. This has been a very popular event. Last year there were several hundred people every Wednesday night for the concert series. City Manager Schwerm stated that the first performer is Vic Volare. The second week is Big Walter Smith.

Councilmember Wickstrom:

Attended the Northern Lights Variety Band Spring Concert, which was a very nice event with good attendance.

She also attended the Historical Society's reception recognizing the Kurkowski family, which was also very well attended.

Councilmember Withhart:

June 2, 2009 is the first day of the Farmer's Market.

The installation of the indoor playground is proceeding. Plans are for it to be open by mid-May. He noted that the cost mentioned in the recent City newsletter and stated that the payback is fairly quick within a few years if projections of its use are correct.

For those who have not attended a Wednesday night concert, it is a great family event, and there is a new outdoor playground for children.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: by Councilmember Withhart, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to approve the consent agenda of April 20, 2009 approving the necessary motions and resolutions:

1. April 6, 2009 City Council Meeting Minutes
2. Monthly Reports:
 - Administration
 - Community Development
 - Finance
 - Public Works
 - Park and Recreation
3. Verified Claims in the Amount of \$759,297.95
4. Purchases
5. License Applications
6. Authorize Advertisement for Bids - 2009 Street Seal Coat, CP 09-09
7. Authorize Replacement Purchase of Unit 201

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ACCEPTING QUOTE FOR 2009 STREET LIGHT REPLACEMENTS

Presentation by Public Works Director Mark Maloney

There are 1400 streetlights in the City, which were mostly installed in the 1970s and 1980s. Of the 1400, 700 are City owned with minor Xcel maintenance; 400 are owned and maintained by Xcel using City energy; and 300 are City owned and maintained by Xcel. The lights being replaced are City owned with minor Xcel maintenance. The reason for the need of replacement is damage from woodpeckers and ground rot. Rodents also chew through wires and staff spends a lot of time trying to find where the wires get disconnected.

The two areas where streetlights will be replaced this year are 15 in the Harriet Avenue neighborhood and 5 in Park Overlook area. All will have new fiberglass poles. The lights in the Harriet Avenue neighborhood will be the standard high-pressure sodium lights. The five in the Park Overlook area will be a test to use the new LED lights. The LED lights will be tested for 90 days and can be changed in that time if performance is not what is expected. Staff will monitor savings to see if LED lights should be used at other areas in the City. Although significantly more expensive than the high pressure sodium lights, a savings is expected from lower electrical usage and a larger life of the light fixture the length of time they last.

Staff has worked with consultant Signature Lighting on this project. The amount budgeted is \$80,000. LPD Electric has submitted a bid in the amount of \$78,476.31 for installation in the two project areas. Signature Lighting has submitted a letter recommending LPD for this work.

Councilmember Withhart asked whether the light shielding diminishes the lit area. Mr. Maloney stated that the shielding focuses the light downward to the road. Councilmember Withhart asked if there would be any savings using all 100-Watt LED lights on Park Overlook and the reason for only testing five. Mr. Maloney explained that the lights in the middle of the block will be 66-Watt fixtures, and 100-Watt fixtures will be used at the intersections. He further explained that the LED technology is relatively new for street lighting. Brooklyn Park installed LED street lights and has received a mixed response from residents. The high-pressure sodium lights look yellow compared to the brighter white of the LED fixtures.

Councilmember Wickstrom asked if the traditional lights can be changed to LED lights if they are more efficient and if the poles will be damaged. Mr. Maloney stated that this project is budgeted at each fixture is \$3,500 to \$4,000. If efficient, there are other places in the City where LED lights can replace old streetlights. No damage is anticipated to the new conduit or fiberglass poles, unless there is a severe wind.

MOTION: by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Withhart to accept the quote from LPD Electric in the amount of \$78,476.31 for the 2009 Street Light Replacement, Project 09-08.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Wickstrom, Withhart, Martin
Nays: None

APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ST. PAUL FOR THE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Schwerm reported that the City was informed by the Ramsey County Sheriff that Shoreview is eligible to receive, on behalf of the Sheriff's Department, approximately \$10,000 from the Justice Assistance Program. The funds would be administered by the city of St. Paul and the Sheriff's Department would have access to the funds. The Sheriff's Department intends to use the funds to purchase Varda alarms that tie directly into the new 800 MHz radio system. The alarms can be set up in a number of remote locations. When activated, the alarm notifies deputies through the radio system.

Councilmember Withhart asked if there would be operating costs to the City. Mr. Schwerm stated that there would be no cost to the City for this equipment. He noted that the Sheriff's Department is applying for a grant to fund an additional deputy for three years. After this three-year period, the contract cities would need to cover the cost of the deputy. For this equipment, however, there are no operating cost increases.

Councilmember Wickstrom asked whether the equipment could be used in other places than Shoreview. Mr. Schwerm stated that the equipment would primarily be used in the contract cities.

MOTION: by Councilmember Withhart, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to approve the attached Interlocal Agreement with the City of St. Paul for the Justice Assistance Grant Program.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Withhart, Wickstrom, Martin
 Nays - None

APPOINTMENT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND LAKE REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

The Council noted that at the last meeting there was concern about appointing an applicant to the Economic Development Commission (EDC) who was not yet living in the City, even though recommended by the EDC. Since then it has been determined that the application is a year old.

Councilmember Wickstrom requested a number of items be added to the application form: 1) a signature line and date including the year; and 2) request the applicant's prioritized choices if the application is for more than one committee.

Mayor Martin asked if the Lake Regulations Committee has reviewed the application for that Committee. Mr. Schwerm responded that the Committee meets only a couple of times a year and had just met when the application was received. He then called the applicant to find out his preference for Lake Regulations or the Environmental Quality Committee. His preference is the Lake Regulations Committee.

MOTION: by Councilmember Withhart, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to appoint James Connors to the Lake Regulations Committee for a term ending January 31, 2012; and to appoint Gene Marsh to the Economic Development Commission for a term ending January 31, 2012.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Withhart, Wickstrom, Martin
 Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Councilmember Withhart, seconded by Mayor Martin to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - 3 Nays - 0

Mayor Martin declared the meeting adjourned.

THESE MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 4th DAY OF MAY 2009.

Terry C. Schwerm
City Manager